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Testimony to **Portland City Council** on the **Design Overlay Zone Amendments, Recommended Draft**

I'm writing to support DOZA, and the policy amendment recommendations proposed by Portland: Neighbors Welcome. It's absolutely necessary that we push for design review of new housing construction that does not limit the number of new units that our city builds. I support DOZA and Amendment #4 to allow all truly affordable housing to have option of choosing Type II Design Review. I oppose Amendment #5 or any amendment would expose mixed-income housing to risky and costly appeals. We can avoid these appeals, by adopting the Planning & Sustainability Commission's recommendation to give all buildings with housing up to 75' tall the option to use appeal-proof Design Standards. I also oppose Amendment #7 and echo affordable builders' fears that this could stop new housing by requiring them to subsidize empty store fronts.

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